

North Levantine Arabic

North Levantine Arabic (Arabic: *اللجة الشامية الشمالية*, romanized: *al-lahja š-šāmiyya š-šamāliyya*, North Levantine Arabic: *il-lahje š-šāmiyye š-šmāliyye*) is a subdivision of Levantine Arabic, a variety of Arabic. It stems from the north in Turkey, specifically in the coastal regions of the Adana, Hatay, and Mersin provinces,^{[3][4]} to Lebanon,^{[5][3]} passing through the Mediterranean coastal regions of Syria (the Latakia and Tartus governorates) as well as the areas surrounding Aleppo and Damascus.^{[3][6]} It is also known as **Syro-Lebanese Arabic**,^[3] though that term is sometimes used to mean all of Levantine Arabic.^[7]

With over 24 million native speakers worldwide as of 2015,^[3] Northern Levantine Arabic is used for daily speech mainly in Lebanon and Syria, while most of the written and official documents and media use Modern Standard Arabic. Its dialect continuum has been described as one of the two "*dominant (prestigious) dialect centres of gravity for Spoken Arabic*".^[8]

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Dialects

- Syria**: The dialect of Damascus and the dialect of Aleppo are well-known.^[3]
- Lebanon**: North Lebanese, South Lebanese (Metuali, Shii), North-Central Lebanese (Mount Lebanon Arabic), South-Central Lebanese (Druze Arabic), Standard Lebanese, Beqaa, Sunni Beiruti, Saida Sunni, Iqlim-Al-Kharrub Sunni, Jdaideh^[3]
- Çukurova, Turkey**: Cilician/Çukurovan^[3]

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- Varieties of Arabic
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North Levantine Arabic	
اللجة الشامية الشمال	
Native to	Lebanon, Syria, Çukurova (Turkey)
Native speakers	24.6 million (2016) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic - Semitic - Central Semitic - Arabic - Levantine Arabic North Levantine Arabic
Dialects	Lebanese Arabic Syrian Arabic Çukurovan Arabic
Writing system	Arabic alphabet
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	apc
Glottolog	nort3139 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/nort3139) ^[2]
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- Damascus Arabic

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External links

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- Syrian Levantine Arabic (<https://syrianarabic.wordpress.com>)

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